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## Two Lives Lost In Sea Drama Father Drowned Before Eyes Of His Son

The Hook, Dec. 18.—The skipper and one of the seven-man crew of a lifeboat were drowned early today in an attempt to assist the 1,401-ton Swedish freighter Aslog.

The 45-year-old skipper of the lifeboat, Konigin Wilhelmina, from Stellendam, and another member of its crew were washed into the sea when the lifeboat struggled in heavy seas while on its way to the Aslog, which had appealed for assistance last night.

The skipper, B. de Balk, was the father of four children and the drowned member of the crew, 44-year-old H. Grotheboer, had five children.

A 20-year-old son of the skipper was in the crew of the lifeboat. Everything was done to find the missing men, but it was impossible in the dark and the heavy running seas.

The lifeboat never reached the Aslog, but had to set a course to the Hook of Holland after having been at sea all night.

The son of the drowned skipper said on his return here: "It was terrible not being able to do anything to save my father."

The Aslog called for assistance early last night because she was drifting in heavy seas towards sandbanks near the East Scheldt. Later in the night her position was reported to the authorities. Attempts are now being made to tow the Aslog to Flushing.—Reuter.

### RAINS LASH SWEDEN

Stockholm, Dec. 18.—Violent rain, storm, sweeping over Sweden, in the past 24 hours, has seen ships scurrying into port for shelter.

Lifeboats were still searching this evening for a fishing boat which sailed to return to Frisching, near Stockholm, in some of the low-lying Stockholm suburbs pedestrians had to wade knee deep in water.

### GALE WARNINGS

London, Dec. 18.—Gale warnings were issued tonight for most sea areas around the British Isles, while more snow was reported from districts in Scotland and the English Lake District.

There was fog on the main road from London to Crawley in Sussex and at Reigate in Surrey. The latest snowfalls were in the Hawick and Jedburgh districts of Roxburghshire, the Carver Bar area in the Cheviot Hills, and the Kendal and Grasmere districts of "Westmoreland"—Reuter.

### AIR LINER CRASHES

Paris, Dec. 18.—A Belgian Sabena airliner crashed in a Paris suburb tonight a few minutes after taking off from Le Bourget airfield and first reports said eight persons were killed.

The plane crashed, exploded and burst into flames at about 9.45 p.m.—a few minutes after taking off for a flight to Brussels.

Four passengers and four crew members were reported to have been on board.—United Press.

### FORTUNATE ESCAPE

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Twenty-five persons aboard a Constellation escaped injury today when the brakes on the big plane failed as it landed, leaving it free to run the length of the runway and plough through the field fence into the street. The plane was badly damaged.—United Press.

## COMMONWEALTH & CHINESE REDS

### Recognition Will Be Simultaneous

New Delhi, Dec. 18.—Informed sources said today that the Commonwealth countries had agreed to recognise Communist China simultaneously. They said India had agreed to recognise the Chinese Reds at the same time as the rest of the Commonwealth, but a fixed date for recognition had not yet been set.

(Official quarters in London said recognition would be announced some time this week. They said recognition of the Chinese Reds was held up while the Commonwealth countries debated whether to recognise the French-supported Bao Dai regime in Indo-China too. The Indians had opposed recognition of Bao Dai because they claimed that the Ho Chi-Minh group controlled 80 percent of the country.)

The Burmese Foreign Minister, who flew back to Rangoon today after weekend talks with the Indian Prime Minister, told reporters one of the chief reasons for his government deciding it could no longer delay recognition of the Chinese Communists was the "lawless situation" along the Sino-Burmese border.

Burma announced recognition of the Chinese Reds yesterday—the first non-Communist nation to do so.

### COLD RECEPTION

Reports out of London today that all British Commonwealth countries would recognise Communist China in a few days time were given a cold reception in Ottawa. In fact, it was learned on the highest authority that there would be no recognition so far as Canada is concerned until after the Commonwealth conference in Ceylon next month.

A high government official said there had been "no development" to warrant immediate recognition of the Red regime. He said Canada planned to discuss the whole matter with other Commonwealth governments when they met at Colombo on January 9.

However, this did not necessarily mean that Canada would recognise the Communist government immediately after the conference. Canadian government officials have frequently said the situation in China would have to be carefully studied before any decision could be reached. In particular, they said they would first have to be satisfied that the Communist regime was free from outside control and had effective control over China.

Consultations between Canadian and other Commonwealth officials have taken place from time to time on recognition of the Chinese Communist government, but government officials have stressed that Canada will make her own decision in accordance with the facts as she sees them.—United Press.

### INVITING DISASTER

New Haven, Connecticut, Dec. 18.—A Yale authority on international relations tonight said that United States recognition of Communist China would be "an open invitation to eventual disaster."

The Chinese Communist regime, according to Mr. Davis N. Rowe, is "essentially an ideological and political appendage of the Soviet Union. So much so that it is expected to carry out the Premier Stalin's belief in the 'inevitability of war with us.'"

"And," added Mr. Rowe, "the Chinese Communist regime has already pledged its support to the Soviet Union for the purposes of such a war."

Mr. Rowe urged the U.S. government to supply "all possible assistance" to Chinese individuals and groups wishing to continue resisting the Communists.

Facing the facts about this "totalitarian regime" is essential to "any rational Far Eastern policy," he declared.

"If it becomes necessary for us to help keep the island of Formosa out of Communist hands," Mr. Rowe asserted, "we should face it. If our political and military planners cannot think of an acceptable way in which to accomplish this, we might as well declare ourselves out of the game and withdraw entirely from Far East to cut out losses."

"We must remember, however, that to do this is to strongly increase the likelihood of another war, a war certainly not less to be feared because it might take 20 years to develop. There are many other actions which we might well take. The first essential, however, is to deny recognition to the Chinese Communists he declared.

Mr. Rowe, Associate Professor of International Relations and Research Associate in the Institute of International Studies at Yale, expressed these views of the China situation on the weekly radio programme "Yale Interprets the News"—Associated Press.

### The King Is Uncrowned



Copious quantities of vaseline failed to free Philip Burrows, 20-months old Hollywood, Calif., lad, from a toilet seat which he tried to wear as a crown but which slipped over his head (left) and wouldn't come off. Firemen quickly got to the seat of the trouble. They used a hacksaw to get the youngster out of his predicament at Hollywood hospital. — AP Picture.

## Jap Diplomats To Be U.S. Trained

Washington, Dec. 18.—U. S. State Department officials disclosed today the United States soon will start training "important" Japanese diplomats as part of a policy of speeding readmission of Japan into the world family of nations.

The first four of a hand-picked group of ten representatives of the Tokyo Foreign Office are due in Seattle, Washington, on December 22 on their way to Washington. They will receive intensive training for 60 days in administration of the State Department and its relations with Congress and other agencies.

It was disclosed at the same time that preparations are going forward to bring several hundred Japanese members of Parliament, newsmen, government administrators and students to the United States in the next several months to make them familiar with democratic processes. Some already are on the way.

### SPEEDED UP

The whole effort to help prepare Japan for democratic nationhood has been speeded up, officials indicated, since the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson and the British Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, announced in September that a final peace settlement is urgent. "Since then, the United States and Britain have been at work on independent draft proposals for a peace treaty."

The new diplomatic training arrangement was worked out by the State and Defense Departments and General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters. The chosen Japanese diplomats were described by officials as having capabilities for years of future service.

A major project in the embassy stage is to authorize the Japanese to open consular offices in this country to expand exports toward the point where Japan will cease to be a burden on the American taxpayer. Tentative locations are New York, New Orleans, Chicago and Los Angeles.

And, from the diplomats, early scheduled visits include a party of Japanese newsmen due about December 30. Hisato Ichimata, Governor of the Bank of Japan, who is due in New York the same day under the auspices of the new National Christian University, Dr. Hachiro Yusa, President of the National Christian University due on January 5.—Associated Press.

### TOKYO'S WETTEST NOVEMBER

Tokyo.—November 1949 was the wettest November that Tokyo has had in the past 40 years.

The Central Meteorological Bureau in Tokyo recorded 15 days of rain in the first three weeks of the month, and 7.4 inches of rain, more than twice the rainfall of the average November.—Reuter.

## Heavy Election Poll In Bulgaria: Only One Party Competing

Sofia, Dec. 18.—The first results of Bulgaria's general election today showed overwhelming votes for the pro-Government Fatherland Front, which had the only candidates in the field, the Bulgarian news agency reported tonight.

The results announced by the agency showed a poll of from 98 to 100 percent, with 97 to 99.3 percent of the vote cast for the Front. A typical result quoted by the agency was that at Razgrad, where all but one of the electorate of 4,500 voted.

Among the candidates in today's Bulgarian general elections were 31 women. Foreign correspondents in Sofia for the Kostov trial visited polling stations in the capital and the coal-mining centre of Dimitrovo, formerly Terzik, and now called after the late Prime Minister, George Dimitroff.

Gaily decorated polling stations had groups of singers and dancers, many of them in brightly coloured peasant costumes, and as the day passed the country took on a spirit of a national holiday.

Portraits of Dimitroff and other Bulgarian leaders were to be seen everywhere and many houses flew the Bulgarian national colours with the Red flag of the Communist Party.

The heaviest voting appeared to be in Dimitrovo, whose Parliamentary candidate, 60-year-old Alexander Milenkov, was with Dimitroff in the lead of the miners' march on Sofia in 1908.

Dimitroff miners, according to statements to the newspaper correspondents, seem to be among the most enthusiastic supporters of the present Government.

Many of them get more pay than Bulgaria's Cabinet Ministers. They pay no rent for their Government-constructed flats. Their children meals are free and the Government pays all their taxes, including social insurance and old-age pensions.

The voting procedure in Bulgaria is on a secret ballot, and similar to other Eastern European countries. Candidates on the list are certain of election since they were chosen by elimination—at thousands of local pre-electoral meetings throughout the country.—Reuter.

### U.S. Of Indonesia

## Hatta Becomes Premier

Batavia, Dec. 18.—The Republican Premier, Mohammad Hatta, was elected the first premier of the United States of Indonesia today by three other "skeleton" Cabinet members chosen by President Achmed Soekarno, Radio Jogjakarta announced.

The broadcast said Dr Hatta met the three other Ministers behind closed doors tonight to select the remaining members of the Cabinet.

President Soekarno has also named the Republican Minister of Defence, the Sultan of Jogjakarta, the East Indonesian Premier, Anak Agung, and the Sultan Hamid, head of the state of West Borneo.

Following the meeting of the four Minister nominees, Dr Hatta said, "Our first task was an exploratory character only. No decision was reached."

### APPOINTMENTS SURPRISE

Political quarters expressed surprise at Dr Soekarno's appointments as only a three-man nucleus had been expected.

Meanwhile, the authorities here announced that 500 Republican police and 200 Indonesian members of the Dutch civil police were expected to arrive in Batavia next week to strengthen the present staff for the transfer of sovereignty to the new state on December 27.

A Republican spokesman said Dr Soekarno would arrive here on December 28 and local officials said "preparations were under way to greet him."

Jogjakarta dispatch reported that the Republican delegation, probably headed by Dr Hatta, would leave for the Hague by air on December 23 to accept the transfer of sovereignty. The Sultan of Jogjakarta will fly here to accept sovereignty from Dutch officials.—United Press.

### EDITORIAL

## Mao's Visit To The Kremlin

MANY constructions can be placed on Mr Mao Tse-tung's sudden State visit to Moscow, the most popular, naturally, being that the head of the Chinese Communist Government intends to convey to the world in unmistakable terms that he is going to be a faithful, undeviating satellite of Stalin and his Politburo; in his arrival speech Mao leaned over backwards in an endeavour to emphasize this: in fact he was just a little too obvious. Mao does not have to make a long and tedious train trip to Moscow at this time just in order to demonstrate his admiration and devotion to Marxism as practised by Soviet Russia, and there is a suspicion that some amount of pressure has been applied by the Kremlin, and that Mao's gesture is not wholly voluntary. Russia is wielding vast influence in Manchuria and Mongolia and is in a position to embarrass Mao's political power if he is not prepared to listen to reason. The Russians, themselves, are investing the visit with all the dignity at their command, but behind the almost regal trappings can be discerned a definite and deliberate Soviet motive; it is to make as difficult as possible any mutually friendly relations between the Chinese Communist Government and the Western powers. It is a calculated move in the cold war which Russia has been waging and steadily developing during the past four years. Mao may, or may not be an enthusiastic partner of Stalin's in this project, but he probably believes that at his stage, at any rate, it will do him and his regime no harm in openly tagging along with the Kremlin crowd. He may well feel that by so doing he will hold a useful bargaining weapon when it comes to dealing with the Western nations in the future. And, it is perfectly clear, that Mao at this time wants to rid Stalin's mind of any doubts about his

becoming a second Tito. Thus, while any amount of significance can be placed on this meeting between Mao and Stalin, the event deserves to be treated with some reserve. Mao may seriously be intending to burn his boats before his regime has made any formal contact with the Western world and to let it be known that he is, once and for all the willing but disciplined follower of Stalin. If such be the case there will be no rejoicing amongst the non-Communist peoples of the world, but it would, at least, allow everybody to know just what is the situation and to deal with it accordingly. It would be too ridiculously naive to pretend surprise at Mao displaying leanings toward Soviet Russia. He has always stoutly maintained that he is an orthodox, Marxist Communist and has never subscribed to a not unpopular Western idea that he is principally an agrarian reformist and only secondarily interested in political ideology. Nevertheless he is an ardent nationalist and he has given many signs that he is also a patriot. These are two factors which may, in due course, influence his future to an important degree. There will be nothing to suggest Titoism in his immediate relations with Russia, but he can confidently anticipate severe pressure from the Kremlin to surrender the whole of China to the "correct" Soviet ideas of how a country should be run, who should be its friends and who it should regard as its enemies. There will be no shortage of dictation from the Politburo, and eventually Mao may find it necessary to make a decision in the same way as did Tito. That will be the real test of his off-repeated patriotic ardour for the welfare of a vast nation which he is now beginning to rule.



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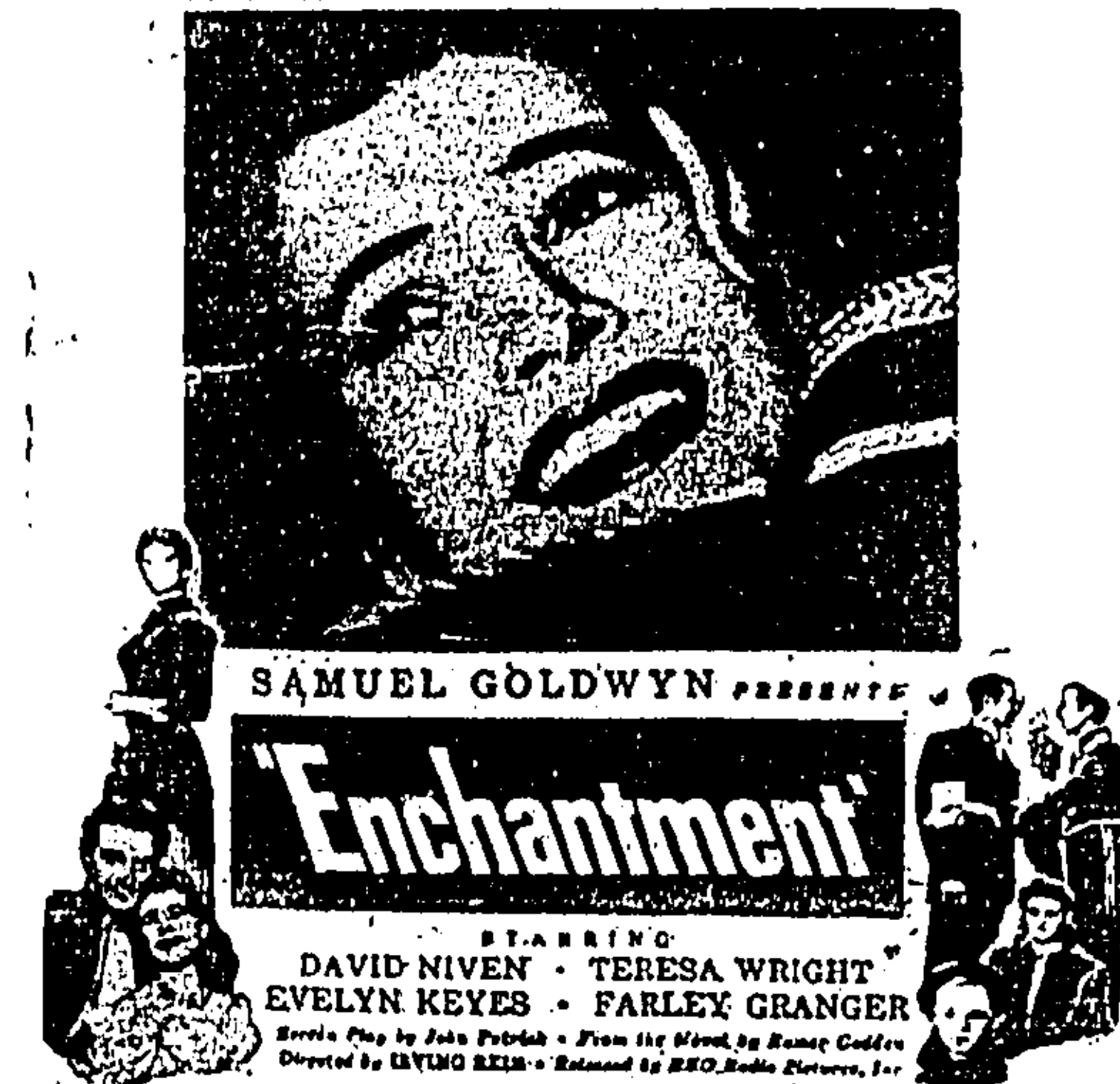
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# WOMANSENSE

## What these women will wear for Christmas

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**BARBARA GOALEN**  
"I like it because at last I've found something to suit my new striped slip and turban."



**VIVIAN LEIGH**  
"I like it because of the lovely rose pattern."

FIVE women with famous names give Robb a sneak preview of the dress they are keeping for Christmas.

They range from the money-no-object class who shop at the top designers, to the girl who keeps to a budget.

- Here they are:
- 1 Barbara Goalen, top London model whose job it is to look smart always. She prefers plain black "plus."
  - 2 Vivian Leigh, celebrated actress, chooses young pastel colours to set off her dark hair.
  - 3 Barbara Lyon, 18-year-old daughter of Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyon, shuns the usual "deb" white dress and chooses black lace.
  - 4 Vanessa Lee, leading lady in "King's Rhapsody," wears a dress designed to be noticed in striped orchid pink.
  - 5 Jean Kent, up-and-coming film star, picks a classic style with a new stole idea.

## Some Gift Suggestions

FOR the gift that speaks of luxury, and high fashion, here are some suggestions:

Dinner blouse—black Chantilly lace with off shoulder neckline section in hand embroidered pink, batiste made with ruffled sleeves and belted in black velvet with jewelled buckle is an ideal gift.

Chinese embroidered handkerchiefs, always a marvel of handwork, have been toned down in ornament. Particularly gift-worthy is a 13-inch sheer Irish linen with a full name embroidered inside a bowknot and flower oval. The embroidery comes in shadow tone-on-tone colours as well as all white.

Hand-laid edging and a tiny touch of embroidery, typically the square are examples of the designs on the large linen handkerchiefs. Mexican draw-work is another outstanding type of embroidery—worked dramatically as borders of openwork lace set well inside plain, outer borders.

Brooch—with an antique character is the large amethyst centre with frame and pendants of large marquis and round rhinestones.

Flower drop earring in new swinging pendant style. These combine canary colour diamond-like centres with daisy petals of rhinestones with double floral drop.

## BIG SLEEVE THEME

PARIS. ONE Paris couture house develops the big sleeve theme in dresses and stiff silk blouses in versions reflecting the 1890's and possibly inspired by the play "Cheri," and the film, "Gilda," which were big current successes in Paris; both are by Colette and are set in that period.

A black velvet street-length suit even has a pout de sole blouse with the deep décolleté and huge sleeves of evening blouses of that epoch. More moderate versions for daytime dresses are always softly crushable to go into coat sleeves easily.

## Slim Hipline

Other points featured in the collection of about 25 models include wide draped necklines and concentration of design emphasis on the top of the figure, leaving hips slim and skirts simple. There are several street-length evening gowns; as a halter-necked sheath in silver grey satin embroidered with brilliant and minuscule white wool snowflakes; while longer evening gowns are mostly unadorned, showing the feet at front.

This midseason collection was designed by Madame Françoise De Dancoeur, daughter of Besoncon De Wagner.

## When A Child Should Be Praised

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

WITH the baby and young child, we motivate desirable conduct through smiles, tender pats, caresses, and words of approval. The older he grows, the less he will need of such experience. His range of satisfaction gradually widens through what he is able to achieve. We further our usefulness then as we do more to get the stage so he can achieve worthily. Nevertheless, there never comes a time when a word of encouragement dropped at the strategic moment won't have good effect.

When, therefore, the youngster chooses to share his toys with a playmate, protects a younger, weaker child, or shows the slightest evidence of unselfishness, we should compliment him. So also when, at five or fifteen, he has been able to meet with self-control a trying situation that usually would have caused him to fly into a rage, we should compliment him. And we should praise him after he has been very thoughtful of his grandmother or some older person or has proved very courteous in one or several ways when guests were present, or has gone a week at wise and careful handling of money, or has volunteered to help about the home or done his assigned jobs faithfully. After he has revealed good motives and behaviour in any one of hundreds of other ways and situations, let us again compliment him.

The mother may compliment her six-year-old daughter, on her return home, for her fine conduct at a party; the mother and father may express delight at breakfast over the way their son, eight, has been getting himself ready for school and off promptly; the father may compliment his son, fourteen, on the manner in which he kept up his part of the conversation during the dinner attended by the family.

In the foregoing examples, even though the parents may have observed some bad ways of behaviour in the child, it was better not to mention these. Only the clearly good behaviour was picked out for comment. Skilful parents should tell their children of the nice things they hear about them at school, church, or from adults in whose homes these children have visited.

As a rule, the discerning mother tells the father, in the youngster's presence, only about the good things he did that day. She takes care of his naughty deeds herself. The person left to care for the children during the absence of their parents should follow the rule of celebrating their successes rather than of tattling on them. Thereafter, these children are more ready to act so as to warrant still more good reports to their parents.

## How to Overcome Dry Skin



If skin has a tendency to be dry, apply a night cream or emollient after you have cleansed it at bedtime. Then leave a little of the cream on all night.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IF there were a willing wall, and the ladies with pulchritude griefs were lined up for sobbing, the loudest and longest cries would come from the woman with the dry skin. She will tell you that she feels as if she were shedding her complexion, that there is no health in it, and make-up doesn't help very much.

She is advised to use creams and to use them lavishly. But the question is, does she get creams of the right consistency? If she will search fully at the cosmetic counter, she may learn that there are different creams for different types of skin; she may have been using an emollient that is compounded for the "oilies."

Powder should have an oily base. A cream rouge will give a better satisfaction than the compact. And there is the matter of diet, to which, of course, she will not give a thought. She needs more butter on her bread, more oil in the salad dressing, bacon for breakfast, plenty of cream in her coffee. Fats in any form will stimulate the sebaceous glands that have got lazy and refuse to function.

Four or five glasses of water a day will help. Few women drink as much water as they should to supply the body needs; often the dry skin is the direct result of this lack.

During the winter season it is important that the air in the home be moist. If you have steam heat, put water containers on the radiators, keep them filled to the top all the time. Dry air is not only tough on the complexion, but has a deplorable effect upon the breathing motors.



## Christmas Dinner In England

HIGH noon on Christmas Day. You are invited to Christmas dinner in England. Branches of holly over mirrors and pictures; no wreaths.

The big dining table extended full length—white linen cloth, with red and green paper streamers festooned from the edge of the table. In the centre a small low decoration of greens and red berries. At each person's place is a box of bon-bons or a cracker. And "cracker" in this case means an artistically decorated cylinder of paper, containing a snap or "banger" to be pulled, a toy or paper hat and a loving message. When everyone is seated at the table the crackers are pulled, the snaps go off with a bang, out come the hats and messages. On go the hats. The messages are read aloud. Everybody is gay. England is still in the midst of an austerly programme, but British good cheer is bubbling over.

## Enough Sugar

For weeks British homemakers have been saving up ration points to get enough sugar and fat to make the plum pudding, mince pie, or a Yule log cake. There is a difference, however. In England the cake is filled with jam—while in France, a cooked cream filling is used.

Now that British homemakers can get more golden syrup (treacle) for their points, the problem of sweetening is a bit easier. For golden syrup combines perfectly with dried fruits and spices.

Only two, or at most three courses for this Christmas dinner. Turkey is scarce and old—so many points, and such a price! So the average homemaker will feature roast stuffed rabbit with gravy as the pièce de résistance; the well-to-do may be able to find chicken to stuff and roast. Shall we be "crackers"? Put on our amusing paper hats!

## Christmas Dinner in England

**Vegetable Soup**  
Roast Chicken  
Herb-Bread  
Stuffing  
Gravy  
Boiled Potatoes  
Brussels Sprouts  
Cauliflower  
Whole Wheat Bread  
Lighted Plum Pudding  
Mince Pie  
Branded Sweet White Sauce  
Fruits and Nuts  
Coffee

Where do the fruits come from, you ask? Apples are grown in the British Isles, and imported from Canada and America. Dates, oranges, tangerines and grapes are imported from South Africa. As to the nuts—they are the delicacy of delicacies. The vegetables are all fresh; "English" homemakers would even think of serving the chopper.

## GET THAT HOLIDAY FEELING

By ALICE DENHOFF

GET that holiday feeling around the house with the aid of various and sundry devices such as eating popcorn balls and crunching rudely apples. Sit around the fireplace if you are lucky enough to have one, or serve the refreshments in the favourite family gathering spot. Let your apples be those delicious red McIntoshes, and your popcorn the real old-fashioned kind.

To make popcorn balls, boil 2 c. sugar, 1 1/2 c. water and 1/2 c. light corn syrup until mixture forms medium hard balls in cold water (200 F.). Add 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/2 tsp. vinegar; cook to hard ball stage (204 F.). Add 1/2 tsp. vanilla; stir slightly. Have ready 6 qt. hot popped corn in deep pan; pour syrup on slowly, stirring and lifting corn to coat evenly. Roll into balls.

## Pecan Pie

Dieters had better keep away from pecan pie, especially when made according to this recipe. Mix in the order given, 3 slightly beaten eggs, one c. sugar, one c. dark corn syrup, 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/2 c. chopped pecans, coarsely chopped. Pour into pie pan or 8-inch square shallow pan which has been lined with pie crust. Place in hot oven (450 F.) for about 10 min. Reduce heat to 325 F. and continue to bake until filling is firm (about 50 min.). Insert silver knife in filling after about 40 minutes of baking; pie is done when knife comes out clean. When done, top will be firm and crusty with pecans showing. Cook slowly. Not at all a difficult pie for a beginner to tackle, but oh, so good, and ideal with hot coffee for company.

Also not for dieters, but like most forbidden fruit, so very good, is Date Delight. To serve 6, blend together 2 well beaten eggs, 1/2 c. sweetened condensed milk, 1/2 c. bread crumbs, 1/2 c. baking powder, 1/2 c. chopped nuts. Place in top of double boiler. Cook over boiling water for 30 min. Serve hot or cold with whipped cream. A nice company special, since it is both delicious and different!



Vetour pillbox and velvet choker: Anna Southern at the Royal film reception.  
London Express Service.

## Household Hints

If you are painting furniture white, add a drop of Prussian blue to each quart of white paint to prevent the paint from later turning yellow. Mix the Prussian blue with the turpentine first, so it can be blended completely into the white paint.

Before you iron your lingerie, sprinkle your favourite cologne on the ironing board. Makes clothes smell sweet.

## Miss Fontaine's Pin-Curl Problem In Italy

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD. THE biggest problem of Jean Fontaine's trip to make a movie in Italy was to say pin-curl in Italian. "The make-up man and hairdresser didn't speak English," she said. "I don't speak Italian. They forgot to send the directions with the make-up. How do you say 'Put a little more blue in the eye-shadow in Italian?'"

Miss Fontaine's troubles began the first day the Hal Wallis company arrived in Rome to make "September" for Paramount. "You brought the make-up with you, of course," the director said. "Why, no," said Miss Fontaine. "Didn't you bring it with you?"

It turned out nobody brought the make-up. It was found several days later squashed at the bottom of a trunk. They rounded up an emergency supply of lipstick and face rouge. But there was nobody to apply it.

"I said 'I'd make myself up' before. But it was so hot—even at 6 in the morning—I wouldn't stick. As I said, I'd put my eyes on, they'd slide down to my chin."

## French Hints

The company finally found an Italian artist to take over the painting. He spoke a little French. So did Miss Fontaine. "But school didn't teach me the words for a job like that," she said.

The hair was arranged the same way. Miss Fontaine told the make-up man what she wanted in French, and he relayed the news to the hairdresser.

"I was amazed," she said. "In the picture, it all looks wonderful."

Getting made up was only the beginning. The crowds that followed Miss Fontaine and Joseph Cotton everywhere made them feel like the Pied Piper.

"People don't have anything else to do," she said. "The crowds were so big we never could shoot a scene. So they put Joe and me in one taxicab and our stand-ins, dressed just like us, in another. Then the two cabs would circle round and round the city."

"If we stopped to rehearse, we'd pull the blinds down. It was like an oven."

Speed Needed

"When they were ready to shoot a scene, the director would drop a white handker-



# PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



**IT'S A LIVING!**—Beverly James (right), aged 19, earns her way through night school in Cleveland, Ohio, by teaching baton twirling. Here she gives last-minute instructions to Bess Morrison, one of her 40 pupils. Miss James plans to abandon the baton for elementary teaching after she is graduated.



**SCHOOL AT HOME**—Ann Louise, in a polio wheelchair in New York, participates in a classroom discussion almost two miles from the school. She was demonstrating the new school-to-home telephone communication displayed at the convention of the U.S. National Society for Crippled Children and Adults.



**RESCUED**—When the Spanish cargo steamer, Monte Gurugu, sank during a heavy gale in the Bristol Channel, this lifeboat went to the rescue from Ilfracombe, England. Although it landed its passengers safely, 12 men were lost when the ship went down.



**THE WINNER**—Lovely Simone Morin acts as referee for two canine contenders in a game of fistcuffs in Paris. It's all part of a dog act in a theatre. Here, the champ waits in his corner after knocking out his adversary.



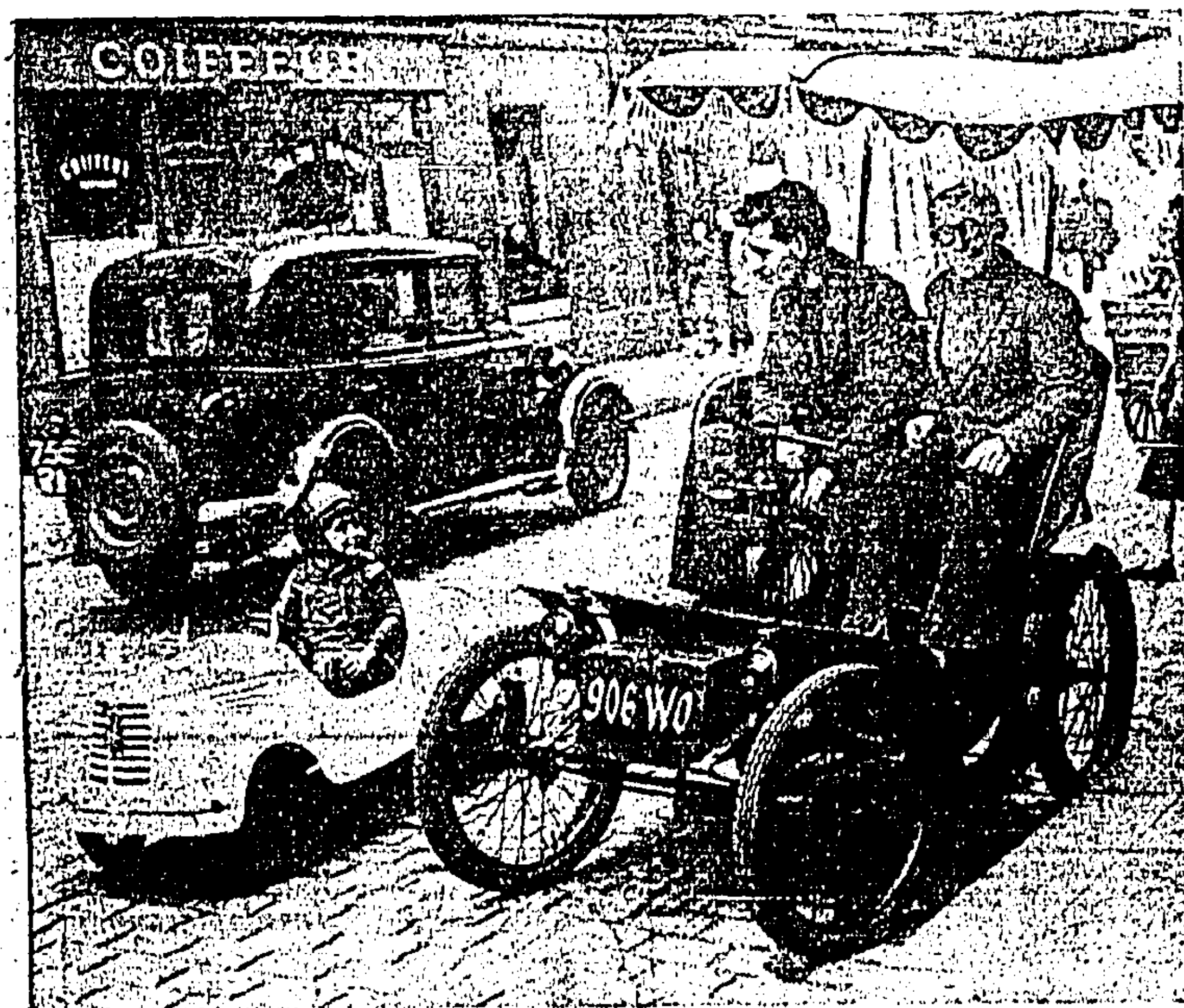
**YOUNG COMPETITOR**—Denis Carr, 12, rehearses with George Allen before taking part in the National Brass Band Championship of Britain contest in London. The lad was the youngest of the 400 competitors in the event. Princess Elizabeth awarded prizes to the winners.



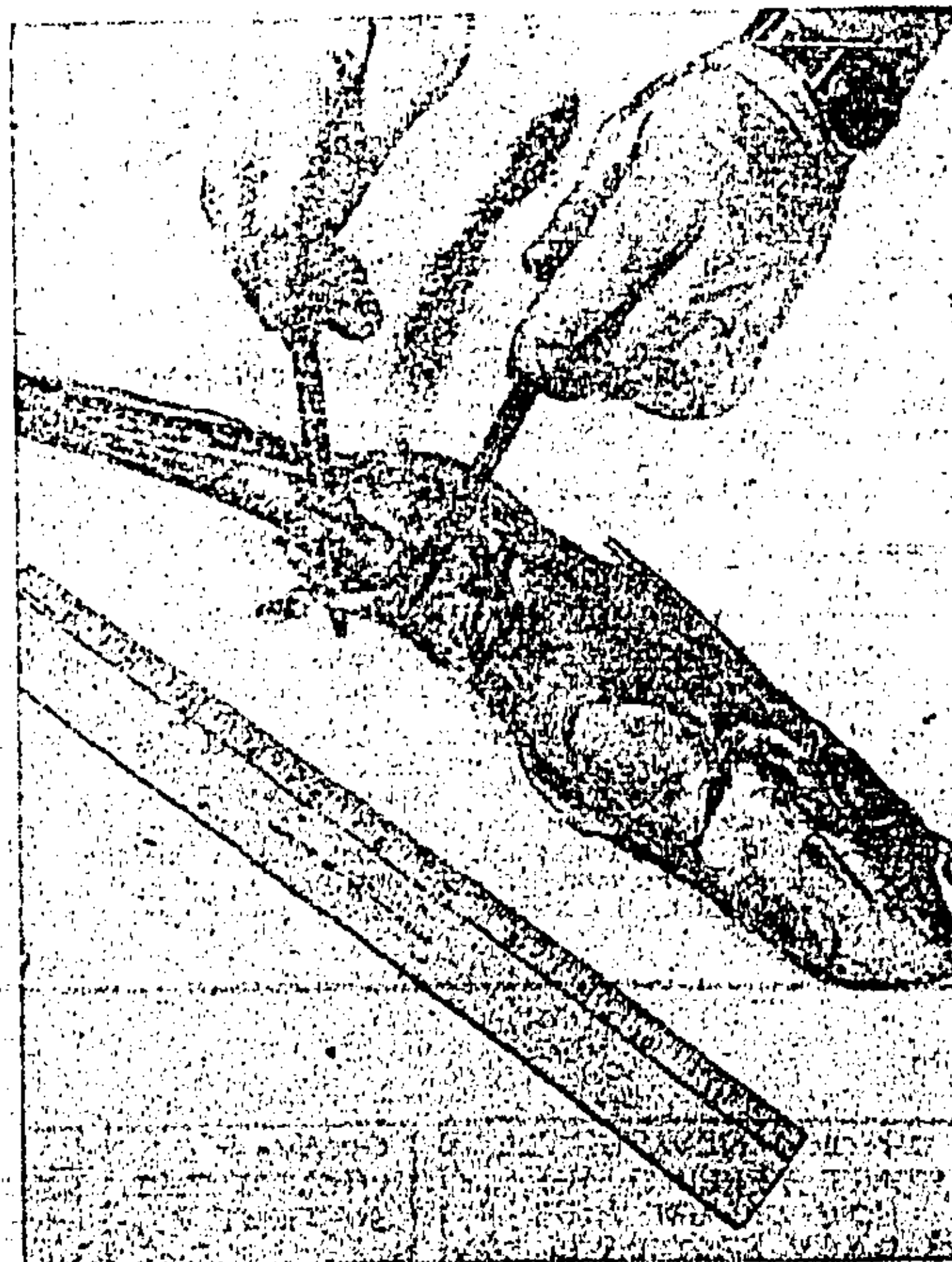
**NO MORE**—Actress Ava Gardner has just announced in Hollywood that she's fed up with posing for cheese-cake photos like this. She claims that after eight years of it, she deserves a change.



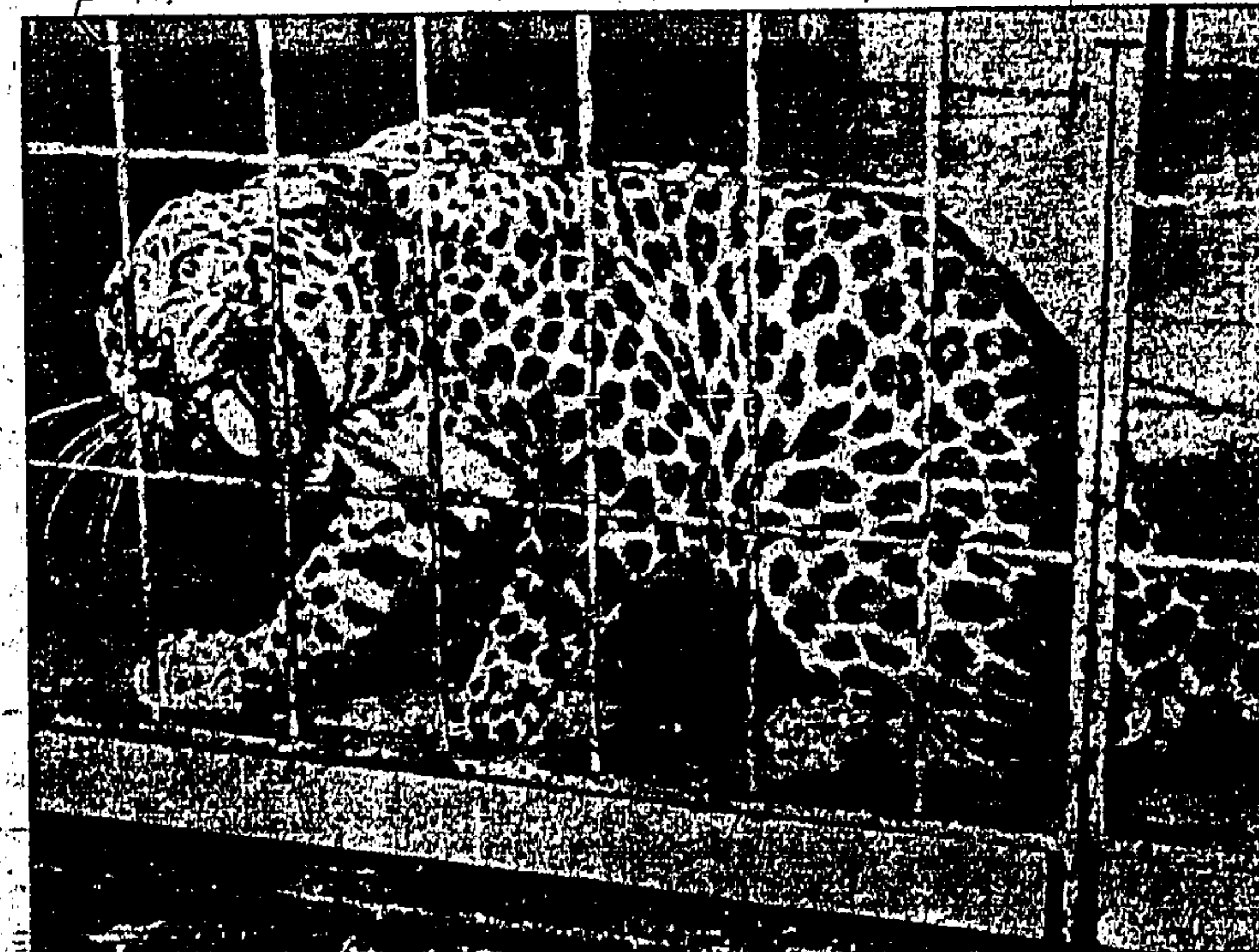
**FOR A RAINY DAY**—When the U.S. steel strike really ended, Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Tarasevich and their son, Adolf, Jr., staged a celebration in Pittsburgh. But first of all, just to be on the safe side, they went out and stocked up on tinned goods.



**FAMILY RIVALS**—Three-year-old Christian Quelvec looks condescendingly at his father who is seated in an 1893 Hugo in Paris. The junior hot-rod was built by the lad's father, Henri, and is equipped with a .025 horsepower engine so Christian can drive at 20 miles per hour.



**WHAT IS IT?**—This odd fish was caught by George Green off the coast of Lower California. It has four legs at the rear of its body, with numerous holes the size of a lead pencil around its nose. A hook on its forehead is covered with sharp teeth and it fits into a socket when not in use.



**BAD BOY**—This leopard escaped from his cage in the Buffalo Zoo by jumping up 12 feet through a glass skylight. Although he was trapped up there with no place to go, it took 102 hours before hunger and thirst drove him back into his cage. He looks a little annoyed about the whole thing.

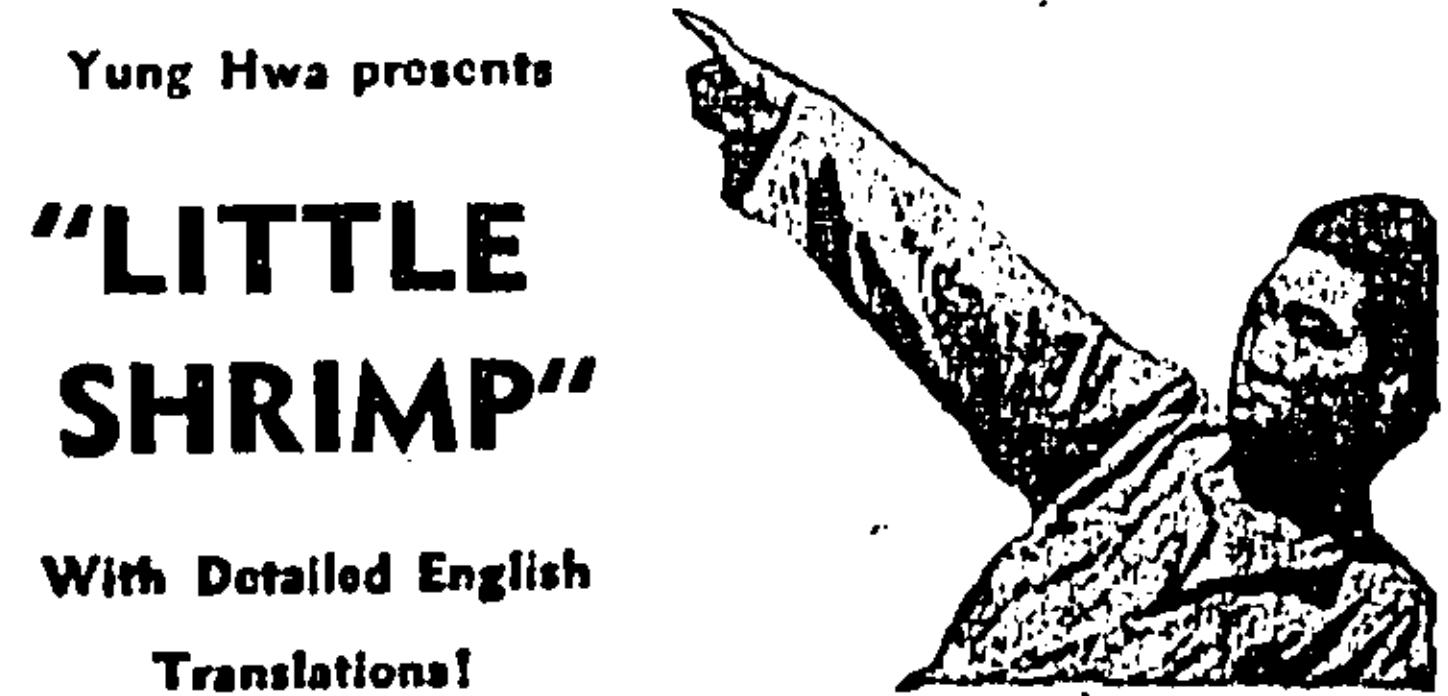
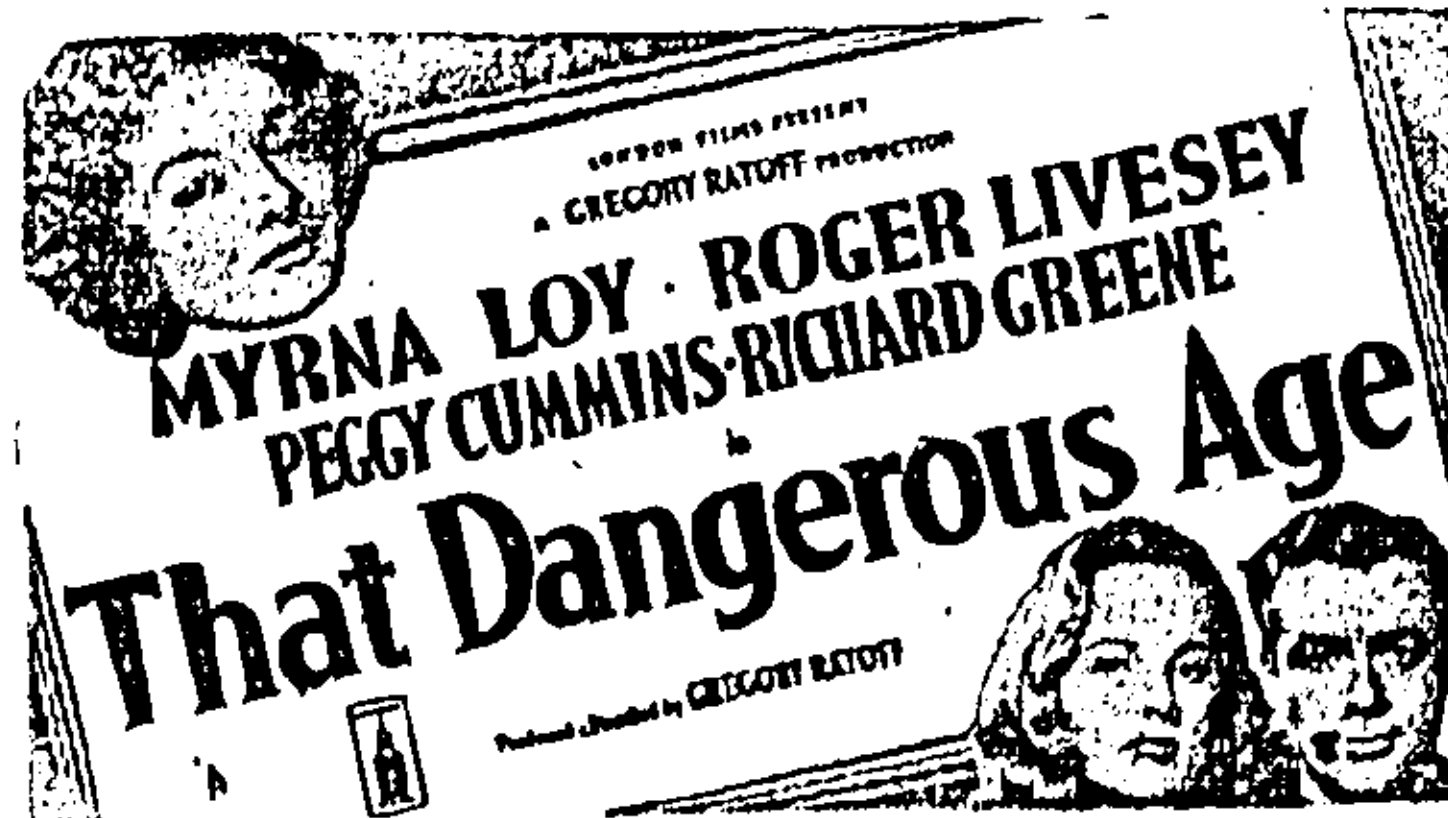


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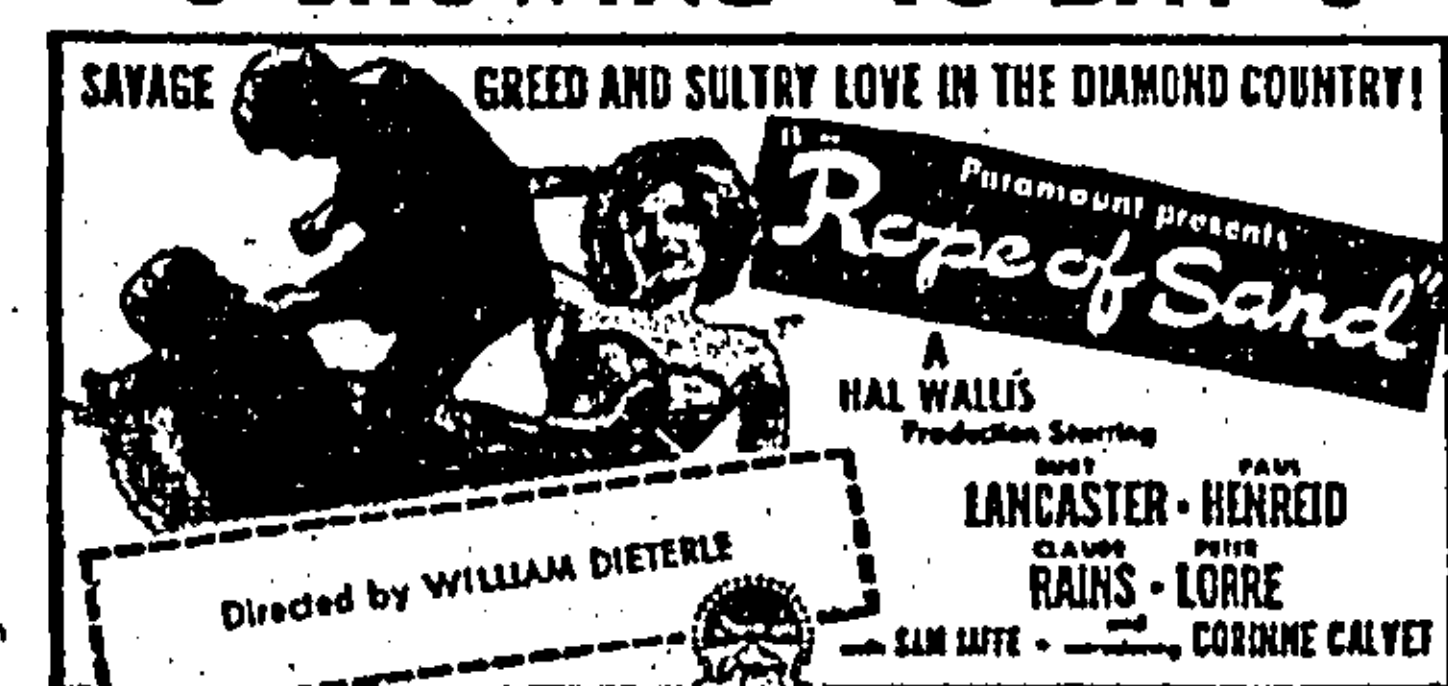
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# CHAPTER TWO THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

CONTINUING FULTON OURSLER'S STORY OF THE BIRTH AND DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST—FAITHFULLY TOLD IN THE LANGUAGE OF TODAY



THE STABLE IN BETHLEHEM

FROM Nazareth it is a distance of seventy-five miles to Bethlehem of Judea. For Joseph and Mary and Anna and Joachim—the aged father and mother also had to go down to be counted—that made a three-day journey. The two women rode on stubborn little Galilean donkeys, while their men trudged alongside and held on to the reins.

They went by the way of the great pilgrim road running north and south, crowded with other families on donkeys and traveling aloof.

Joseph noticed a tightening of his wife's hands, a whitening of her knuckles, as they drew near the town.

"The child must be coming," he told himself. "I will get her to a bed as quickly as possible."

## At The Inn

BUT, as they entered the streets of Bethlehem, the press of pilgrims was so great that the pair could scarcely move forward; no one would even listen to Joseph when he asked the way to a hotel; one urchin laughed in his face at such a question. Five hostlers they tried but all were filled up. Joseph kept on doggedly; he forced his way through the door of the last tavern and demanded to talk to the host.

"My wife is ill," pleaded Joseph. "Her baby is about to be born."

The innkeeper was a stout and grumpy man with an enormous stomach. For a moment he said nothing; then he curled his finger around his mouth and his wife's face.

## One Warm Place

"THIS one," she announced, "her voice even hoarser with fright, 'is having the baby now. I know. There's not a bed in the town tonight. But she can't have a baby here on the floor. We've got to do something. Gabriel! There is one warm and comfortable place where we haven't put anybody yet."

"Is there now? Where? Just where?" demanded Gabriel.

"In the stable!"

"The stable!" echoed Joseph miserably, and Anna put her arms around Mary. But the young wife looked gratefully at the innkeeper's wife.

"You are very kind to think of it," she said. "A stable is warm." She turned to Joseph. "These people would surely take good care of their animals. And we will be alone there."

The stable was in a roomy cave that extended under the whole building of the inn. Heaving and puffing, the stout Sarah came clumping down the stairs behind them, and after her Gabriel, puffing even louder than his wife, both clasping fresh bundles of straw. They laid a bed against the inner wall, which was warmer and not so damp, and they brought linen and a coverlet and a pillow for Mary's head.

## "God Be With You"

THEN Gabriel and Sarah had to leave them, for business was brisk upstairs, but both of them paused to give a house: "God be with you tonight!" Anna helped Mary to undress, and then went upstairs in search of jars of heated water, while Joseph stood near brooding.

"Why do we have no sign now?" he was asking himself. "Where is the angel? Why doesn't Anna hurry back?"

Anna soon came back with the water. She briskly exited Joseph and Joachim through a rear door in the stable, bidding them to stay out until they were sent for.

Joseph trudged up and down in the dark area behind the stable. He fingered the pouch

that held his store of coins and wondered whether he had enough money to see them through. The hours dragged on. Joachim had sat down on his haunches and soon fell asleep. But Joseph walked on like a man in a nightmare, waiting, praying, until at last and suddenly he heard the sound—a child's first cry.

In the dim light he knelt beside the bed of straw where Mary lay, pale and weak but wide-eyed and with a small, brave smile for him.

"See!" she murmured.

"To Give Everything" JOSEPH was on his knees. Mary held out firm hands, lifting up her son, wrapped in Grandmother Anna's swaddling clothes—lifting him up adoringly, by the fate of the world reposing in the chalice of her hands.

Even in the first instant of seeing the child Joseph was aware of something extraordinarily different about him. Somehow he knew that this newborn baby, whose face was not red and crinkled but smooth and white, and whose expression was of such potent innocence and affection, had come into the world to get nothing and to give everything.

Mary had fallen asleep and there was quiet in the stable. Anna and Joachim made a bed for themselves far back in the shadows. And Jesus, the baby, lay asleep in his first bed, a manner which the foster father had hastily filled with fresh hay and barley oats that smelled sweet and clean.

For Joseph, sleep was impossible. His mind, his very soul, was too tremulous and excited. Joseph in that dark hour could have poured out his heart in rapturous conversation. He still felt baffled that there was no further sign.

Nine months since the angel had stood with folded wings in the Nazareth house. The day of the Annunciation. After that the dream message had come to Joseph; then silence; months of commonplace reality. Was it not strange that the baby had been born without some demonstration? Here was the child; where were the angels?

## The Shepherds

HE listened for a rustling of wings and heard only the sleepy bleat of a year-long lamb. That, and presently a low rumble of distant voices, the shuffling of feet outside the house and at the lower back entrance of the stable, a knocking of a staff.

With a gasp of concern that Mary would be awakened, Joseph hurried to the door. Unfastening the latch, he opened

the upper half of the door, then put a finger warningly to his mouth. A group of bearded faces were staring in at him. One man held up a lighted lantern. Behind them was still the night, dark and clear, with the sparkle of uncountable and extraordinarily brilliant stars. Joseph had not seen those stars until now.

"Peace!" breathed Joseph. "This is no time to make noise." "The Lord be unto you," returned one of the men in a low, pleading voice. "We have not come to make any trouble at all."

"Who are you then?" "We are shepherds from the hills outside this town. We have been tending our flocks." "The hour is late," insisted Joseph firmly. "He would have closed the door but the speaker held up his staff."

"Wait. Only one question. Has a child just been born in this place?"

## "We Are Friends"

"WHY do you ask, shepherd? How is it your business about a child?" "Don't be afraid of us, man. We are friends."

"Well, then—yes. A child has been born here." "Only a little while ago?" "True. Within two hours."

Low exclamations came from the bearded mouths of the shepherds.

And the first speaker laid a kindly hand on Joseph's shoulder.

"Tell me—it is a man-child?" "It is."

"And could it be possible that you have a child in a manger?" "Yes," answered Joseph, feeling the tears gather in his eyes. "There was no cradle, you see. The town is overcrowded; there was nowhere else I could take my lady."

"Then God be praised!" murmured the shepherds fervently, and the others muttered agreement in their hearts.

## A Marvellous Sight

"LISTEN, man," cried the one with the lifted staff. "We five men have just seen a marvellous sight. An unbelievable sight. And it has to do with you."

Marvellous sight! And unbelievable. Hope sprang up in Joseph's thought.

"Believe this thing we tell you. We were all tending our flocks tonight, minding our own business. The night was clear, air cool, stars bright, everything going along just as usual. Suddenly Jonas here interrupt-

The curtain of the stars was split like a tent, and through the opening we saw a host of angels that filled the sky and they were all singing at the top of their voices . . ."

"And do you know what they were singing?" demanded Jonas, again interrupting. "The words were: 'Glory be to God in the highest and on earth peace . . .'"

The tale of the shepherds brought peace to Joseph. The sign had come at secondhand, which was better. These men, panting and out of breath and sweaty, full of strength and humility, had seen the gates of another world open up and had heard singing from on high, the heavens rejoicing at the birth of Mary's child.

Joseph received them with open arms. On tiptoe they followed him as he led them straight to the manger, where they looked down and then knelt beside the sleeping figure of Mary's son.

Soon they were gone, and Joseph resumed his unseeing vigil. But now his heart was calmed. The sign had come. In his mind's ear he could hear the unnumbered hosts of the servants of God, singing to the age: "Peace on earth to men of good will."

## To The Temple

THE law of their people prescribed that every little boy must be circumcised on the eighth day of his life. Accordingly, on the eighth day of the Nativity, Jesus and Mary and Joseph and Anna and Joachim left the stable under the inn and rode their donkeys six miles up the steep heights that led to Jerusalem and the temple.

They were glad when they reached the outer gate of the Temple area and found a little knot of relatives waiting to welcome them: Zachary, joyous and very talkative beside the radiant Elizabeth, who had brought little John in her arms. Strutting forward and back, they found also the mocking but very friendly and companionable Samuel.

It was not the first time that Elizabeth and Mary had met since the birth of Jesus; three times in the last week Elizabeth and Zachary had made the journey over to Bethlehem. Now they all moved inside the Temple walls with happy faces and halted in the outer court to buy their ritualistic offerings. And here Mary looked to Joseph, wondering what he was going to decide.

According to the law they could purchase a one-year-old lamb for a burnt offering and a young pigeon for a sin offering, or Joseph could choose the less expensive course of buying two turtle doves or two young pigeons, depending altogether on his conscience and his purse.

Feeling that he could not afford anything better, for Gabriel and Sarah had charged them plenty for the use of the stable, Joseph decided to buy two plump pigeons. He picked out one and the other, and Joseph carried them in his hands as he proceeded toward the inner Temple.

## An Interruption

BUT as Joseph and Mary were about to cross the court, where the offerings would be turned in and ceremonies performed, there came a startling interruption. Mary, with the sleeping Jesus against her breast, was walking a little behind Joseph, when a shadow fell across them; a withered figure swayed out from under a pillared archway; a purblind old man tottered before them in the sun.

"What's he want?" asked Samuel hastily.

But Zachary, the priest, who knew his way about the Temple, lifted his hand reassuringly. "Don't be worried," he said, out of the side of his head. "It's only Simeon. Everybody around the Temple knows old Simeon. He's harmless. He's old enough all right," agreed Samuel.

"He is a devout and just man," remonstrated Zachary, "and he tells everybody that once he was visited by the Holy Spirit. The angel promised him that before he died he was to see the Messiah in the flesh."

Samuel looked warily at Zachary. The priest's face was set in an ivory calm. The others stood back while the tall, ragged figure of Simeon, a cripple, toward Mary and Joseph with the child.

## Silence

THERE was a moment of curious silence as he halted and lifted up his hands, and the whole group stood still, as if he were about to die. A chill ran even in the spine of Samuel when he heard that prayer. The whole group stood still, as if he were about to die. A chill ran even in the spine of Samuel when he heard that prayer. The whole group stood still, as if he were about to die. A chill ran even in the spine of Samuel when he heard that prayer.

As tears gathered in Mary's eyes, he added: "Out of many hearts, thoughts shall be revealed." Now Simeon swayed back, waving both hands helplessly, as if saying farewell to a life he had never enjoyed; as if this moment were a tremendous remembrance to him and he was glad to lose himself in shadows.

TO BE CONTINUED TOMORROW

## C.V.R. Thompson Reports The American Scene

NEW YORK. SALES of British goods are going up. There is nothing sensational yet, but I have noticed a steady climb while Christmas shopping in New York. The merchants confirmed it.

Big stores are pushing goods from Britain instead of hiding them. Made-in-Britain presents being bought by New Yorkers are chiefly scarves, cutlery sets, gloves, ties, sweaters, small sets of china-ware, socks, and linens. And Fifth-avenue's biggest toy-shop has a window filled with models of British trains which are selling well.

Food-shop managers tell me British-made plum puddings and biscuits may break a record this year. The owner of my local store says that English chocolates are selling so well he cannot keep up his stock.

And grocers find British ale, gingerbeer, and even soda-water are increasingly popular lines.

But what did surprise me was the news from a car dealer who said that although the bottom had dropped out of the market for second-hand American cars, he has a waiting-list for second-hand Austins. Such is the demand that the second-hand price has gone up £50 in a month.

SAVE YOUR CASH is the advice given by Hollywood stars by actor Jean Harlow, who is head of the local relief fund. Said he: "I don't believe more than 12 of our big names would enjoy financial security if their careers were cut short tomorrow."

CHRISTMAS CARDS that can be eaten are on sale in New York. They are made of a slice of rich fruit cake inscribed with

the recipient's name and "A Fruitful Christmas."

SOCIALISTES have protested to a New York hotel against its new mural of the Waterfront by artist Paul Meltzer. Among the Queens and other famous ships there is a rubbish barge plainly marked "The Social Register." Replied Meltzer: "It's not a satire but a realistic painting which reflects my idea of the New York snobs who try to copy Britain's aristocracy."

VITAL STATISTICS: The average American, according to Washington, is earning nearly twice what he made in 1939, and he has begun to spend it a little more freely than three months ago. American men are growing taller and heavier than they did years ago, six feet being the new average height and 16 stone the average weight.

NANCY Please Note



By Ernie Bushmiller





# Britain's Jet-Aircraft Lead Causes Concern In US

## INDUSTRY'S CALL FOR GOVERNMENT AID

Seattle, Dec. 18.—The latest call to the United States Government to help American aircraft manufacturers fight Britain's lead in jet transport aircraft came yesterday from a vice-president of the Boeing Aircraft Company, Mr. Wellwood E. Beall.

The Boeing Company constructed the famous B-29 and B50 Superfortresses and the Boeing Stratocruiser.

In a call for all-out Government aid, Mr. Beall urged the Civil Aeronautics Administration to organize jet aircraft design competitions, reimburse companies for prototypes constructed and purchase aircraft for lease to U.S. airlines.

"Such a plan, if adopted, would give United States manufacturers and airlines the answer to the problem of how to compete effectively with the threat of British domination of future air transport," Mr. Beall said.

He added that it would not need any new major legislation. During the past year American aircraft industry spokesmen have expressed concern at Britain's lead in the jet transport field and have maintained that individual U.S. airlines could not finance such a project.—Associated Press.

**LINDBERGH'S VIEW**  
Washington, Dec. 18.—The pioneer aviator, Colonel Charles Lindbergh, said in a speech here that progress in aviation science was not contributing to the character of man.

Colonel Lindbergh, famous for making the first West-East solo trans-Atlantic flight, was addressing a dinner of the Aero Club of Washington to receive the Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy for public service to aviation.

"As we have progressed in the science of aviation, we have separated ourselves from the balanced quality of life," he said.

"I am convinced that man cannot thrive indefinitely in the hot-house atmosphere we are creating."

"I believe that for permanent survival he must balance science with other qualities of life—qualities of body and spirit as well as those of mind—qualities he cannot develop when he lets mechanics and luxury insulate him so greatly from the earth to which he was born"—Reuter.

**POLITICS BLAMED**  
Washington, Dec. 18.—Dr. George D. Stoddard, president of the University of Illinois, said the real brakes on American aviation progress were "political and social rather than scientific or technical."

Dr. Stoddard said: "The truth is that we are afraid to let planes in from all places of the world."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Question Of "Face"

Sir.—Mr. Dean Acheson's statement on "the foolish Oriental concept of 'losing face'" is not so "impudent and flippant" as you appear to think it is.

As a matter of fact, there is a lot of commonsense in Mr. Acheson's "impudent flippancy."

He is not bothered with the "face" question as far as the detention by the Chinese Communists of American citizens is concerned—but he is definitely anxious that the latter should act like decent, normal human beings and release men, whose only transgression, it was argued, was to be born Americans.

Anyway, as you point out, the U.S.A. loses no "face" in this wrangle. The childish, unaccountable behaviour of the Chinese Communists, however, has not redounded to their credit—no reputation! If any one has lost "face," then it's the face to whom "face" is paramount. No civilized community would act in such a manner.

All of which is most surprising to me judged by the way the Chinese Communists have proved the miracle of the Nationalists and have earned the praises of both Chinese and foreigners alike.

I fancy that, in some echelons of the Communist hierarchy, there must be a fair sprinkling of those reason-minded bigots whose whole outlook towards the West is one of misguided hatred. It's surprising how many Chinese really hate us from the West. Of course, we have little to be proud of in the past—but surely, much "face" (if "face" there must be) will be gained by letting bygones be bygones and holding out the hand of friendship.

That would be a big gesture—and the West is big enough.

I am certain, to appreciate it.

RALPH SHAW.

## New Soviet Appointment Announced

Moscow, Dec. 18.—It was announced today that a Politburo member, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, had been elected secretary of the Central Committee of the All-Union Communist Party.

He was also elected first secretary of the Moscow district Communist Party, replacing Mr. C. M. Popov, who is reported to be taking a responsible municipal construction job.

The announcement said that Mr. Khrushchev had been relieved from his post as first secretary of the Ukrainian Central Committee of the Communist Party to take on the all-Union Party post.

Mr. Khrushchev, a former worker, is a veteran Bolshevik and has been a Politburo member since before the war. He was secretary of the Moscow committee of the Communist Party for some time before the war, and spent the war years as a member of the Military Council on the Ukrainian front.—United Press.

**POPOV OUT?**  
London, Dec. 18.—Diplomatic quarters here suggested tonight that the chief significance of Mr. Khrushchev's election is apparently that Mr. Popov has been eliminated.

The Central Committee of the All-Union Party is nominally the principal body, but the Politburo of the Party actually rules the country.

The secretary of the Central Committee comprises General Stalin, Mr. Georgi Malenkov, Mr. A. Andreyev, Mr. Alexis Kuznetsov, Mr. M. A. Suslov and now Mr. Khrushchev.

Mr. Popov had held his post in the secretariat automatically because he was secretary of the Central Committee for the Moscow district. He is not a member of the Politburo.—United Press.

**Bill On Leopold Referendum**  
Brussels, Dec. 18.—The five-year-old Royal question, which is splitting the nation into two opposed camps, will doubtless leap to the fore next January, when a bill providing for a referendum on whether provisionally exiled King Leopold should return to the throne, will be debated by the Belgian Chamber of Deputies, the lower house, early in January.

The bill has already been passed by the Belgian Senate, the upper house, where the Catholics predominate.—Reuter.

**Immigrants Detained**  
One hundred and twenty-eight Chinese from Swatow, passengers of a motor-vessel, the Nampang, were arrested by the Police yesterday for alleged immigration offences. The passengers, men, women and children, landed at Taitam Bay last night. The commander and the master of the ship were also detained.

## Socialist MPs Study Policy

Oxford, Dec. 18.—Twelve Socialist Members of Parliament, who had been meeting in Oxford since Friday, tonight completed "a study of Socialist policy on which they have been engaged for some months."

After the meeting one of them, Mr. Ian Mikardo, said that a report on the purpose of the meeting by a political commentator in the Sunday Express today was "grossly inaccurate in a number of respects."

He would not specify the inaccuracies or divulge what happened at the meeting.

The Sunday Express article had said that Socialist Members of Parliament meeting at Oxford were discussing what action could be taken to ensure that if the Party won the next general election, Mr. Ernest Bevin did not remain as Foreign Secretary.

Among Members of Parliament at the meeting were the Parliamentary Private Secretaries of three Government Ministers.

They were Mr. Donald Bruce, Colonel George Wigg and Mrs. Barbara Castle, Parliamentary Private Secretaries respectively to the Minister of Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the Minister for War, Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, and the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Harold Wilson.

The Sunday Express writer suggested that Mr. Bruce and Colonel Wigg had behind them the power of personal association with Mr. Bevan and Mr. Shinwell and that "neither of them" possessed a "mission."

It asserted that Mr. Bevan and Mr. Shinwell had found a point of agreement—that Socialism and Mr. Bevan's Socialism could not both survive.

A statement issued by the Members of Parliament tonight said that the study of Socialist policy on which they had been engaged would be published by the New Statesman and Nation (Leftist weekly review) early in January and would include both a review of the achievements of the Government since 1945 and discussion of Socialist policy in its second term of power.—Reuter.

**New Job For Hoffman?**  
Detroit, Dec. 18.—Mr. Henry Ford, President of the Ford Motor Company, said here that he had asked Mr. Paul Hoffman, Marshall Plan Administrator, to become President and Managing Director of the Ford Foundation.

Mr. Ford said that he had "just barely talked to Mr. Hoffman about it and no agreement was reached."

Mr. Hoffman was reported to be on his way from Washington to his home in Pasadena, California. His friends in Washington said that he would never resign as Administrator of the Marshall Plan until it had succeeded.

He is at present on leave.—Reuter.

**Army Camp Fire**  
A small quantity of motor spares in the open ground of an Army camp in Watloo Road, Kowloon Tong, caught on fire at about 4 p.m. yesterday. One engine was called from the Fire Brigade and the blaze was soon extinguished.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Look out, Mrs. Blinks! Your coat has got him excited—he loves to chase rabbits!"

## German Reds Said To Have Formed Anti-Stalin Party

Berlin, Dec. 18.—A number of Germans met in Berlin today to found an anti-Stalinist "Independent Labour Party of Germany," it was reported here tonight.

The Constituent meeting, held in the French sector, was attended by West German Communists and about 20 unidentified Communists living in the Soviet zone, it was added.

Reports quoted a Mr. Renner, of the Communist group in the Lower House of the West German Parliament, as declaring afterwards that branches of the new Party would shortly be set up in Western Germany.

But tonight Mr. Heinz Renner, the Communist Parliamentary Group's Chairman, in an interview with the West German news agency DPA at his home at Essen in the Ruhr, stated that reports that he had helped to form the new Party were "utter nonsense."

Mr. Heinz Renner—the only Communist of that name in the Bundestag—has always been known as a firm supporter of Stalin.

Last week in Bonn he described "silly inventions" foreign press reports that he had replaced Mr. Max Reimann as leader of the West German Communist Party.

Other reports of today's meeting said that it had pointed Mr. Karl-Heinz Scholz, a pre-war Communist Party official, to head the Berlin organization of the new party.

In the past year Mr. Scholz has already made two attempts to found a "free Communist Party" in Western Berlin but each was banned by the Allied Commandatura.

One of those at today's meeting told reporters, "We expect that approximately 40 percent of West German Communists will ultimately join our new Party, since it fights both the

extreme right and the extreme left."

"Stalin has stained the name of Communism so much that nobody will talk to us any more. We shall fight both Soviet expansion and bourgeois imperialism."—Reuter.

**Speaker Retiring**  
London, Dec. 18.—Colonel Douglas Clifton Brown, the 70-year-old Speaker of the House of Commons, will retire from public life at the end of the year.—Reuter.

**Radio Hongkong**  
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6. "Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary: 6.32, Children's Half Hour—Introduced by Jack Frost (Studio); 6.50, Portuguese Half Hour (Studio); 7, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15, Melodrama from Spain Played by the London Promenade Orchestra; 7.30, Off the Record—Presented by Bonnie Gilbey (Studio); 8, "From the Editorials" (London Relay); 8.10, Gilbey's at the Hammond Organ; 8.25, "I Like What I Like"—Presented by John Dawn (Studio); 8.45, "Double Identity"—A Mystery Play by Charles Hutton (BBC); 9.25, "Concerto"—Lute's Symphony conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent; 10.15, Weather Report; 10.16, Latin American Music Played by the London Promenade Orchestra; 10.30, "From the Ballet"—Chopin's "Les Sylphides" London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent; 10.45, Music For Dancing; 11.15, Weather Report; World and Home News from Britain (Recorded London Relay); God Save the King; 11.30, Close Down.

## Manstein Verdict Today

Hamburg, Dec. 18.—Field Marshal Erich von Manstein, the last of Hitler's Generals to be tried by the Allies, will know his fate tomorrow.

Before a British court at Hamburg the former Field Marshal has pleaded not guilty to 17 charges of responsibility for atrocities by German troops in Poland and Russia.

Tomorrow, the 60th day of the hearing, the court will announce its verdict. The court, which consists of a Lieutenant General, a Major General, two Brigadiers, three Colonels and a civilian judge advocate, has the power to award the death sentence.

Von Manstein is the 93rd and last German to be tried by British military courts for war crimes.

He was over four years in captivity before the British authorities brought him to trial.

**GERMAN INTEREST**  
Three other German leaders were also to have been tried. Field Marshal Walter von Brauchitsch died in captivity and British Army doctors decided that Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt and Colonel General Adolf Strauss were unfit to stand trial, so they were released.

The Germans have followed the trial with the greatest interest. They heard von Manstein described by his defence counsel, Mr. F. T. Pöhl, KC, as "still the hero of the German people," and they followed with amazement the verbal clashes between prosecution and defence lawyers.—Associated Press.

**TIME BOMBS KILL  
FIVE PERSONS**  
Sao Paulo, Brazil, Dec. 18.—Five persons were killed early this morning in Aracatuba when a negro, trying to exterminate a local family, placed two time bombs in the family's residence.

One bomb exploded, killing one child, then the police commander, Lieutenant Alcides de Santos, entered the house, followed by several persons, trying to rescue the family.

The second bomb then exploded, killing Lt. dos Santos and three others.—United Press.

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## Week-End League Cricket

## RECREIO PROVIDE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP RACE BEING INTERESTING

BY "RECORDER"

The holders of the First Division Cricket League Championship, Club de Recreio, beat the Army at Sookunpoo on Saturday, as many had expected they would, to be the first team to take four points off the League leaders.

Recreio's victory put three more teams back into the Championship race. The Royal Air Force, who could have drawn level, just failed to beat the Optimists and lost three valuable points. The position now, after eight matches, is Army, 25 points; RAF, 22; Scorpions, 21 (with one game in hand); and Recreio, 21.

In the only other Senior League match played on Saturday, Craigengower had the better of a drawn match with the KCC. Soft wickets gave prominence to bowlers who have not been doing too well and the afternoon's cricket produced also good performances from batsmen who have not had a very good season so far.

Recreio's victory was contributed to handsomely by the Gosano brothers, Gerry carrying his bat for 50 to record his highest innings of the season. He has been consistently in the 20s and 30s so far, but this was his first time over 50 in the current competition.

Dr E. L. Gosano, who has not been quite in his form of last season, was Recreio's most successful bowler with four wickets for 17 runs in nine overs. In reply to Recreio's 135, Army were at one stage 47 for two wickets, but were finally all out for 93.

The opening partnership of Laurie Kilbee and Noel Arthy took a long time over their first wicket stand of 70 runs against the RAAF at Chai Koo Road, but the inability of the Army's attack to separate them cost them the match. Arthy went on to make 76 and the Optimists declared at 130 for five wickets. Though F. J. Moorhouse played a very polished innings for RAAF in hitting up 60, drawing of stumps found the Army three runs short of victory with six wickets in hand.

## BATTING SIDE

Out to prove that Craigengower does not have a strong batting side in the match at the Valley, KCC came near enough to success at one stage as five Craigengower wickets were down for 58 runs. Sozen, Tam, Hing, Hingjha and Hong Choy were in the pavilion.

Then came in A. H. Ismail and M. J. Divera for a very promising partnership that put on 41 runs. Ismail scored 24, largely on singles, his first boundary coming after 50 minutes at the wicket. With Divera gone after contributing 20, J. B. France held on for an undefeated and very fast 20 and Craigengower declared at 133 for seven wickets.

Were it not for an epidemic of dropped catches, KCC would have been quite probably given a season at the wicket. Craigengower's first victory to the season, Frances Zimmerman, top scorer with 44, was dropped off his second ball.

Craigengower discovered that though they have some more passable bowlers, their fielding is not polished enough to help them get the wickets.

## CENTURY

There was another century, in a season that has already seen four, in the friendly matches this weekend. H. T. Heath knocked up 102 for University against the Royal Army Pay Corps. He was 80 minutes reaching it and hit 14 boundaries.

## FOILED

Phadkar, who tried to turn the bowling to prevent a collapse, was foiled when the fielders closed in on him for the last ball of the day, which he drove into the hands of Freer to see the Australian run out Ramnagar while the latter was starting for a quick single.

This was the first time of the tour when the Commonwealth's fast bowlers claimed most of the wickets in an innings. The mantle generally falling on the spinners, especially Tribe.

Although he did not get a single wicket today, Tribe appeared the most dangerous bowler before the new ball perished. With the wicket likely to help bowlers on the fourth day, India have an uphill task to force a draw. Reuter.

## EASY CATCH

Off his very first ball, which was of a short length, Mervyn Hazare continued Merchant's good work, but Livingston, calling on Pettiford for the first time six minutes before lunch, was rewarded for his adroit move.

Hazare and Phadkar added 51 runs for the fourth wicket in 50 minutes, but Lambart, taking the new ball to 101, beat and bowled Hazare, and off his next delivery claimed the usually consistent seamer, Adhikari, leg-before.

Unlucky he had Phadkar add more runs for the sixth wicket before Lambart obtained his third successive wicket. Freer, taking over the job of obtaining wickets, then sent back Mankad before tea, and after the interval he bowled

## Record Attempt Unsuccessful

Sydney, Dec. 18.—Miss Emil Nunn (22), of Sydney, today failed in an attempt to break the world's speedboat record of 11.1 cubic inch class record of 64.2 miles per hour set up by Jack Cooper, of California, in 1941.

Miss Nunn's boat was travelling at 50 miles an hour in a choppy sea when it leaped from the water and the propeller blade folded up. Three weeks ago Miss Nunn broke the Australian record with a speed of 61 miles per hour.

She said tonight that she would make another attempt on the world record in two months' time. Reuter.

## GOLF'S LEADING MONEY WINNER

New York, Dec. 18.—Sam Snead, the United States Ryder Cup player, and former British Open Champion, was today named as the year's top money winner. He was also awarded the Vardon Trophy for his average of under 70 strokes for 73 18-hole rounds during the year.

Snead's winnings were assessed at \$31,503 (about £11,200). He won six major tournaments and finished second or third in seven others.

Runner-up in the prize list was Cary Middlecoff, the United States Open Champion, with \$24,604 (about £8,780). Reuter.

## Taxation Is Killing Village Cricket

SAYS D. R. JARDINE

Purchase tax is driving cricket off the village greens, suggests former England captain D. R. Jardine, in a chapter to The Sports Book, edited by James Rivers (Macdonald and Co., 9s. 6d.).

Costs, he says, are tending to become prohibitive for many clubs and villages.

"It is not a question of State aid which, to many at least, is probably neither practicable nor desirable," he continues.

"The question rather is one of active State discouragement by means of the purchase tax," Jardine pleads for the removal of purchase tax on the implements of all outdoor team games.

"Such games," says Jardine, "make their fair contribution to the country's exchequer, apart from keeping people fit, every time the secretary posts a letter, or a shirt or pair of flannels are bought."

"We want a nation of players rather than a nation of watchers."

"To make the game as cheap as possible goes some way to realising that ideal."

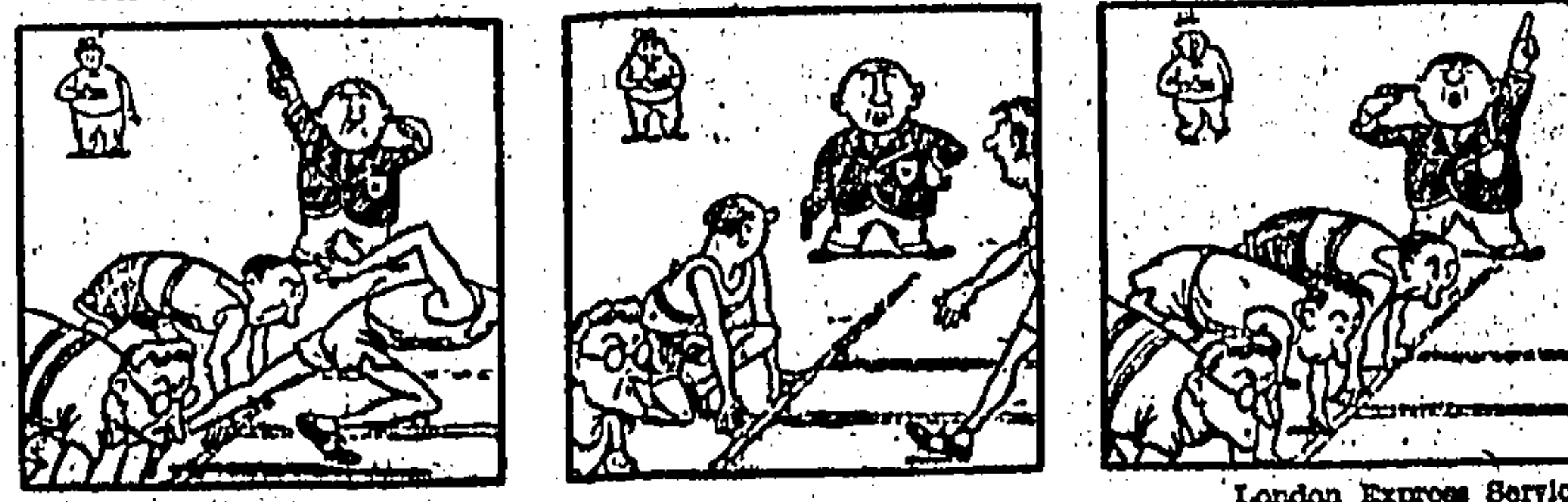
"School, village and club cricket form the backbone of all cricket and, of course, the Countries know it."

## SMALLER BALL

Lack of petrol and the high cost of alternative amusement are among the reasons for the present prosperity wave in first class county cricket, says Jardine.

## SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



London Express Service

## THEY KEEP ON HOPING

## The Government May Get Around To Paying For British Teams' Travel

BY VERNON MORGAN

London, Dec. 18.—The final net profits of the 1948 Olympics held in London will be approximately £15,000. This is after deducting all charges and all taxes.

What is to be done with the money? Lord Burghley, the former Olympic hurdler and Chairman of the Olympic Organising Committee, told me that the British Olympic Association will use the money to equip and send a first class team to the 1952 Olympic Games at Helsinki.

It looks, therefore, though it is not definitely decided, as if the whole sum of money will be banked until that time arrives and that there will be no distribution to the individual sporting associations, as was at one time proposed by some Olympic officials.

## WHAT THEN?

What happens for the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne when the 1948 profits will have been exhausted and for the other Olympiads thereafter? Lord Burghley did not know, but he seemed to be very hopeful that by that time the Government would be helping sport with financial grants for sending teams overseas.

He felt that the Government, already taking an interest in sport to the extent of providing money for athletic coaches, would increase their interest and help in a big way.

Should they fail to do so, he did not know where the money was coming from. It had been extremely difficult to raise the £20,000 to send not a very large team to New Zealand for the British Empire Games through private subscription.

A much larger sum would be required if anything like a wholly representative team was to be sent to Melbourne.

## THE GOSPEL

Lord Burghley, who is a great believer in the good that sports does in this world, is busy preaching the gospel at dinners night after night.

The fact that he is a nimble with his tongue as he used to be with his feet over the hurdles makes him a much sought after dinner speaker and gives him plenty of opportunity to prove that he is one of Britain's greatest sporting ambassadors. Reuter.

From his lifelong researches, Nat has pieced together all the available history of such as Mendoza, Gentleman Jackson, Jim Mace, and, of course, when he gets down to the Dempsey period and after, he is right on his own pitch. It's all here.

"Heavyweight Championship, 1919-1949," by Nat Fleischer, Putnam, 15s.

(London Express Service)

The first time we saw Fleischer was in the Farr-Louis fight period, when we called on him at his New York office.

## A BUSY MAN

It took a little time to get around to him, what with wrangling with callers, belaying down a telephone, taking orders for more and more of his "Ring" magazines, and fighting off the deluge of books, magazines, manuscripts, and variegated printed matter that constantly threatened to spill over and sweep the lot of us into the street below.

Nat Fleischer has lived, eaten, and slept boxing since he was a kid of 12. His output on the subject is reckoned to total 30,000,000 words to date. His international magazine is the recognised bible of the game, and he has added to its regular publication nearly 60 books on boxing and wrestling.

As a little sideline to his main interests, which are writing, talking, and refereeing fights, he dabbles in collecting the relics of the game—such things as Bob Fitzsimmons' silk hat and the ring they used for the Sullivan-Corbett fight in 1892—and bigger and ever-better cameras for taking bigger and better fight pictures.

## CRETE TO LOUIS

If, from this, you get the idea that Nat Fleischer is by way of being a bit of an authority on his subject, you are right and you will probably agree with us that his book is the last word on the subject of the heavyweight.

He has it all, from as early as 1500 B.C. Excavations in the island of Crete have revealed that even earlier natives had fought with their fists, championed by champion down to Joe Louis.

Plenty has been written about the days of James Figg, of Ox-

fordshire, who operated in the first quarter of the eighteenth century, but never with quite the same colloquial, resolute authority.

Another was the late-lamented Hugh McAlevey, of Belfast, who, right up to his death, popped up at the ringside at every big fight in the world onwards from the days of Abe Attell.

But probably the greatest of the lot of them is Nat Fleischer, the moon-faced little New Yorker, who has seen more fights and knows more about the game than any man alive today.

The first time we saw Fleischer was in the Farr-Louis fight period, when we called on him at his New York office.

It took a little time to get around to him, what with wrangling with callers, belaying down a telephone, taking orders for more and more of his "Ring" magazines, and fighting off the deluge of books, magazines, manuscripts, and variegated printed matter that constantly threatened to spill over and sweep the lot of us into the street below.

Nat Fleischer has lived, eaten, and slept boxing since he was a kid of 12. His output on the subject is reckoned to total 30,000,000 words to date. His international magazine is the recognised bible of the game, and he has added to its regular publication nearly 60 books on boxing and wrestling.

As a little sideline to his main interests, which are writing, talking, and refereeing fights, he dabbles in collecting the relics of the game—such things as Bob Fitzsimmons' silk hat and the ring they used for the Sullivan-Corbett fight in 1892—and bigger and ever-better cameras for taking bigger and better fight pictures.

If, from this, you get the idea that Nat Fleischer is by way of being a bit of an authority on his subject, you are right and you will probably agree with us that his book is the last word on the subject of the heavyweight.

He has it all, from as early as 1500 B.C. Excavations in the island of Crete have revealed that even earlier natives had fought with their fists, championed by champion down to Joe Louis.

Plenty has been written about the days of James Figg, of Ox-

## Mrs Dupont Heads Tennis Rankings

New York, Dec. 18.—Mrs Margaret Osborne Dupont heads the women's rankings for 1949 announced by the United States Lawn Tennis Association. Mrs Dupont won the National Championships at Forest Hills in September.

Miss Louise Brough, the Wimbledon Champion, was ranked second and Miss Doris Hart was placed third.

Other women players were ranked after these in the following order: Canning Todd, Mrs Helen Perez, Miss Shirley Fry, Miss Gertrude Moran, Mrs Beverly Beckett, Miss Dorothy Head and Miss Barbara Schofield.

Mrs Magda Rume, formerly of Rumania and now of Los Angeles, was tentatively ranked No. 11 pending final determination of her residence status. Reuter.

ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS  
London, Dec. 18.—Six leading British lawn tennis players left London Airport today for Calcutta to play in the International Championships of Asia and also three Indian tournaments.

The players are Geoff Parish, Gerald Oakley, Mrs Betty Hilton, Miss Jean Quertier, Miss Kay Tuckey and Miss Gem Houghlin. They were accompanied by Mr J. Chinnai Monal. Reuter.

BEST PROFESSIONAL  
New York, Dec. 18.—The United States Professional Lawn Tennis Association has ranked Bobby Riggs as its No. 1 player for 1949. Riggs won the professional title in 1940, 1947 and this year. He has since ceased playing tennis to become a promoter of professional tours.

Riggs is at present touring the United States with Jack Kramer, Richard Gonzales, Francisco Segura, and Frank Parker.

The association did not rank Kramer, Gonzales and Parker because it did not have sufficient data on them. Segura was ranked No. 5. Reuter.

HELD UP  
London, Dec. 18.—C. Spychala, of Poland, and Vladimir Cernik, of Czechoslovakia, who were to have accompanied the British lawn tennis team to India today from London Airport, could not go because they had not been granted visas to travel.

They hope to overcome passport difficulties in time to leave by air for Calcutta on Wednesday. Reuter.

## Gussy's Next

"Gorgeous Gussy" Moran, a young woman who doesn't shun publicity, is thinking ahead. It was her lace—plus her lawn tennis—that caught attention at Wimbledon last June. What will the girl wear next?

She has written from America to Teddy Tilling, who designed the much-publicised garment of 1949, asking him: "What about next year? Do you think you'll ever surpass the lace? Let's dig deep!"

Meanwhile, the Wimbledon garments will be taken by their owner to delight Australia. In America the fashion trend launched by Miss Moran's "panties" has spread to swim suits.

GIRLS THEY LOVE  
Tilling, who made an outfit for Suzanne Lenglen back in 1937 and has made many for others since, assures me that "the British public love a flashing magnetic personality; both Lenglen and Alvarez had greater following here than anywhere else, and Gussy hit Wimbledon just when appeal and attraction were at their lowest ebb among the women players."

Hm! Doubtless he is right. But for myself—one masculine unit of the British public—I "love" a tennis player, without worrying much about his (or her) flashing magnetic personality.

BRUCE HARRIS  
(London Express Service)

WOMEN'S CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP  
Moscow, Dec. 18.—Women chess players from 12 nations will file into the Red Army's Central Building here tomorrow for the opening of the women's World Chess Championships, due to last six months—until June 18.

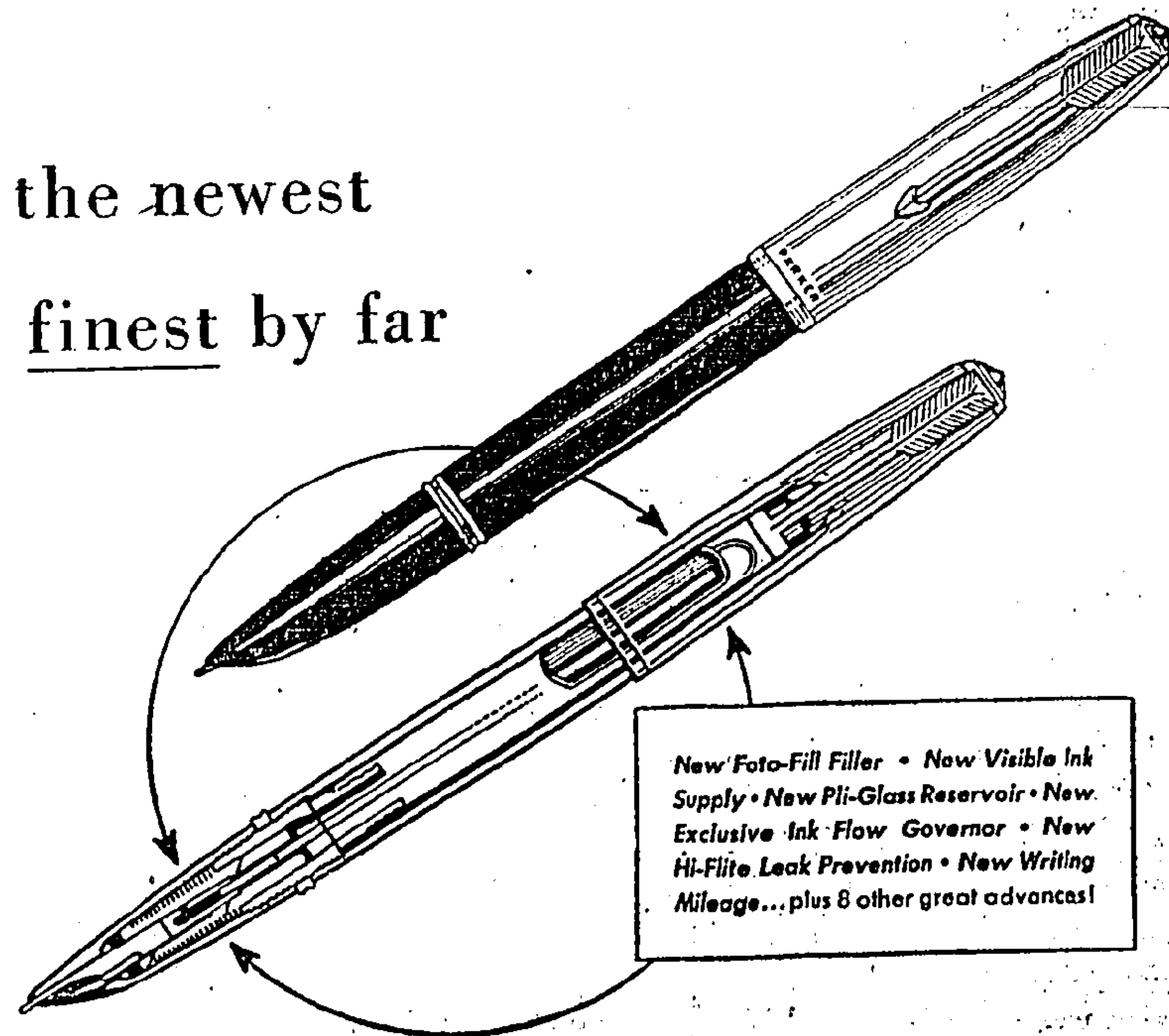
The contestants will each play one game with every other contender, the opening game being played on Tuesday.

The Soviet Union will be represented by the Soviet Champion, Olga Rubtsova (1949), Elizaveta Bykova (1947 and 1948) and Valentina Belova (1945) and the veteran master, Liudmila Rudenko.

Vera Chudova, the Moscow Champion, has been named as referee. Reuter.

Malayan Archery  
Singapore.—A Malayan Archery Championship will be held for the first time in Malaya in January next year with a view to preparing Malayan archers for future participation in competitions organised by the Grand National Archery Association of Britain and other allied national bodies. Reuter.

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